

Middletown Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

For December 4th Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Karen Day at 3:00 in the Middletown Library Conference Room.

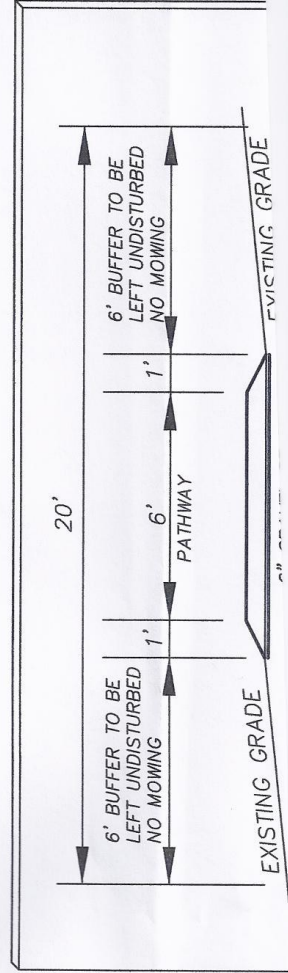
Those attending were: Karen Day, Bill DiMarco, Bob Johnson, Chuck DiTucci, Allan Kirby, Tom O'Loughlin, Warren Hall and BJ Northrup-Owen.

Finances:

1. There is approximately \$12,800 in the checking account. This includes \$2,000 from the Alice B. Mayer Trust.
2. We owe Moore Blooms \$100 for our tree subsidy/incentive program.
3. Under our tree subsidy program, 97 trees have been purchased as of 12/4 (62 Moore, 30 Chaves, 5 Boulevard). Using our \$50 subsidy, this equals \$4,850 spent. This brings us pretty much in line with our \$5,000 budget for a 100 trees.
4. Karen applied for the America-the-Beautiful grant, requesting \$3,600. This will require \$5,400 in matching funds totaling \$9,000 for planting
5. We are expecting \$8,000 from the Van Buren Trust, of which \$4,000 is for maintenance

Old Business:

- Karen's tree List handout that included
 - Trees planted last year
 - Tree Locations refused by residents
 - Tree locations requested by residents
 - Possible tree locations previously discussed by the commission.
- Bob Johnson is preparing a tree planting database but is missing 2004 – 2006
- Warren passed out a formal version of the sketched in trails for the Town Center (see below). This will be presented to DEM for approval.
- Bill took an action to call the Tree Map Vendor WRT their new business model



New Business:

- A tree maintenance list was passed out and several new items were added. It was decided to issue an RFQ for winter maintenance with quotes due in January.
- A tree planting and maintenance vendor list was passed out and will be used to solicit the bids.
- Tom mentioned that an abutting resident asked about the removal of 5 older trees from the new housing development off Green End Ave. Alan concurred with the resident. They will be removed by developer.
- Tom related that the airport administration may remove trees that appear to be a danger in the glide path to the airport. Apparently the airport has “air rights” on such properties, and can do this by eminent domain.

Nota Bene: The January meeting has been changed to Thursday the 8th, 3:00 at the Library.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:00

Happy Holidays everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill DiMarco, Secretary